

INTRODUCTION

Good evening boys and girls. I've missed our time here at Adventure Club and I'm so glad that we are here together!

There is so much we want to teach you little ones! We have been going through who Jesus is and what Jesus has done and will do.

If you are a believer in the One True God and you have trusted in Christ as Savior and Lord, you have *so* much to look forward to.

We look forward to being with Jesus! The Bible tells us that there will come a time when "*we shall always be with the Lord*" (1 Thess. 4:17).

In a few weeks we will be remembering **Passion Week** and **Resurrection Sunday**. *Passion Week* looks to the sufferings of Christ and *Resurrection Sunday* celebrates His resurrection.

The Resurrection is all about Jesus! It is about Jesus being raised from the dead. He arose! The grave could not hold Him.

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His Resurrection Defeated Death (vv. 53-55) -

The Bible tells us that our time here on earth will come to end. One day we will all die. It is because of our sin that we all will one day die.

The Bible says "*all have sinned*" (Rom. 3:23) and that the "*wages of sin is death*" (Rom. 6:23) but thanks be to God for the "*free gift of God*" which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is because of Jesus that we who believe look forward to "eternal life."
Do remember what we learned last time we were together?

Jesus died in our place! He did this to bring us to God! That is why we are a thankful people because He saved us. He rescued us.

But there is more to the story. There is more to what Christ has done.

Do remember what happened after Jesus died on the cross?

After Jesus died on the cross, His body was put in a **tomb**, a place you would put the body of a dead person.

A rich man named **Joseph of Arimathea**, who was a disciple of Jesus, took the body of Jesus, bound it in linen wrappings, and placed the body in a tomb – a *new* tomb. It was a tomb carved out of rock, and was sealed by rolling a large stone in front of the entrance (Matt. 27:60).

But on the third day, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and she saw that the large stone in the front of the entrance of the tomb had been taken away. She ran to tell Peter and John. They too saw that the large stone in the front of the entrance of the tomb had been taken away and they *bent down* and *looked in* and saw only the linen wrappings lying there but there was no body.

The disciples had forgotten the teaching of Scripture that His body was not going to remain in a tomb to decay (Ps. 16:10). Jesus Himself predicted that He was going to suffer many things and be killed, and “be raised up on the third day” (Matt. 16:21).

Dear little ones, our time on earth will come to an end. We will one day die. Yet it is because of Jesus rising on the third day that we don’t have to fear death.

Death is a very sad thing indeed, but we do not have to fear death.

The Lord has “swallowed up death for all time” (Is. 25:8).

Christ bore death and *all its sting* so that we would not have to bear it any more. His resurrection defeated death.

There is still something else His resurrection did...

His Resurrection Defeated Sin (vv. 56-57) -

The Bible says our big problem is sin. We sin against Law. We sin against God and the consequence for sin is death.

The reason there is death is “because all sinned” (Rom. 5:12).

It is our sin that separates us from God.

But Jesus laid down His life. He died in our place.

This is what Christ has done for those who trust in Him.

The Bible says, “...**your sins have been forgiven you for His name’s sake**” (1 John 2:12). *Can you believe it?!*

The Bible says, “*the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin*” (1 John 1:7).

If you do not believe in His Son, you remain in your sin and there is no hope for those who do not believe in Jesus.

That is why our prayer is that you would believe who Jesus is and believe in what He has done. Jesus rose from the grave just as He said He would.

He lived a perfect life we could never live. He obeyed the Father perfectly and because of that His death conquered sin.

This is what God has done for us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ lived a perfect life. He obeyed the Father. He removed our sin by Himself paying the penalty for it. He became the Perfect Sacrifice.

He did all of this to bring glory and honor to the Father and to fulfill His mission. And one day God will bring us home to be with Him always!

And He will give us new bodies that won’t get sick and won’t die.

His Resurrection Demands Faithfulness (v. 58) -

So when Jesus rose from the grave, He defeated both death and sin for those who would trust in Him.

How should we live? What is our response to what we have learned?

Be Faithful – “be steadfast, immovable”

The Bible tells us as believers to continue being faithful. Stand firm.

Do not be “moved away from the hope of the Gospel that you have heard” (Col. 1:23). Keep standing strong in the Lord and live for Him.

Serve the Lord – “always abounding in the work of the Lord”

Our time on earth will come to an end. As long as you are here, serve the Lord. Live the rest of the time here on earth to do the will of God.

There are so many here at Adventure Club who serve and love you but in reality, they do it for the Lord. They labor for the Lord and serve Him faithfully.

CONCLUSION

My beloved little ones, one day we will always be with the Lord. We look forward to that time! We look forward to seeing Christ.

My prayer is that you would come to believe in Christ, believing who He is and what He has done not only dying in our place but also rising again on the third day conquering death and sin.

“He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said” (Matt. 28:6).

Let us pray.